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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

DOWNEY - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following lane and ramp closures for the first phase of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lane reconstruction and pavement replacement project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Downey Avenue in Bellflower to Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, nightly, Monday, August 14 through Saturday, August 18, for pavement work. At least one lane will be open to traffic in each direction at all times.

Eastbound SR-91:

Nightly, August 14 through August 19

- 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. – One regular use lane closed from Santa Fe Street to I-710.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane closed between northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) connectors.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane closed from I-710 to Downey Avenue.

Nightly, August 18 and 19 – The closures above including:

- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane closed from I-710 to Atlantic Avenue.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Alameda Avenue on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. – Long Beach Boulevard on-ramp.

August 19 – The closures above including:

- 7 p.m. until noon – One regular use lane closed from I-710 to Atlantic Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until 10 a.m. – Northbound I-710 connector to eastbound SR-91.

Westbound SR-91:

Nightly, August 14 through August 18

- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – One regular use lane closed from Myrtle Avenue to I-710.

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Westbound SR-91: (Continued) Nightly, August 14 through August 18

- 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Up to two regular use lanes closed between northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane closed from I-710 to Long Beach Boulevard.
- 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Northbound and southbound I-710 connector to westbound SR-91.

August 18 - The closures above including:

- 7 p.m. until noon – One regular use lane closed from I-710 to Santa Fe Avenue.

SR-91 is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Completion of the entire project, which covers SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue, is fall 2008.

Caltrans advises motorists to “**Slow For The Cone Zone.**”

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